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Commelina communis in New Hampshire—In early October 1963 a specimen of Dayflower, Commelina communis L. from Concord, New Hampshire, parasitized by a smut, was brought to Dr. Avery Rich, Plant Pathologist at the University of New Hampshire. Because the smut proved to be of particular interest, I checked through our herbarium to determine if any of our specimens were similarly affected. To my surprise I found no collections from New Hampshire and on referring to our Manuals discovered that C. communis has not been reported as naturalizing northeast of Massachusetts. Certainly I am quite familiar with this species in the field having run across it a number of times in New Hampshire in recent years and have always assumed in fact that it was common enough not to merit much attention.

Apparently the only herbarium record from New Hampshire is my No. 6432 collected in 1949 as a garden weed at my former home in Durham. It is interesting to report that several vigorous plants were observed at this same place as recently as October 9, 1963, still not stricken by frost. Collections were made at this time (Hodgdon & Pike No. 12754).

A recent conversation with Mr. Carroll Durfee who had found the diseased Concord specimens revealed the interesting fact that these plants were also entirely naturalized, behaving much as those in Durham, growing each year from seeds and giving every indication of continuing to make themselves at home. Specimens of these recent collections from Durham and Concord, New Hampshire, are deposited in the Herbarium of the University of New Hampshire.

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